

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 29, line 2 with the following rewritten version:

A rear bicycle derailleur includes a base member, a movable member, a guide arm and a tension arm. The base member is adapted to be mounted to a bicycle frame. The movable member is movably coupled to the base member, preferably via a linkage, to move between a retracted position and an extended position. The guide arm is pivotally coupled to the movable member around a first axis and has a guide sprocket. The tension arm is pivotally coupled to the movable member around a second axis and has a tension sprocket.
Preferably, the guide arm is freely pivotal about the first axis without being rotationally biased, while the tension arm is rotationally biased by a biasing member about the second axis. Preferably, the guide arm and the tension arm are configured and arranged to move independently of each other. It is the problem to provide a rear derailleur having structure in which even when the chain has been looped over a chain wheel of major diameter, the tension sprocket wheel does not come so closer to the ground to thereby reduce accidents of a violent fall or trouble. Further, it is the problem to facilitate detachment and attachment of the wheel, and to provide a rear derailleur having a wide application range to wheel size. To solve these problems, the guide arm and the tension arm are capable of rocking around the guide arm rocking axis and the tension arm rocking axis which are different from each other, and these arms are rocked independently of each other, and the distance between the guide sprocket wheel and the tension sprocket wheel varies with the speed variation state.